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SUBJ: ICAO: SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE - APRIL 18 AND 19

1. COMMITTEE A RESUMED ITS DISCUSSION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PANEL OF EXPERTS ON THE MACHINERY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL FARES AND RATES. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH RECOMMENDATION 14 WITH GENERAL REVISIONS REFLECTING EDITORIAL AND/OR CHANGES OF MINOR SUBSTANCE, THE ONE EXCEPTION BEING RECOMMENDATIONS 10 AND 11 COMBINED, WHICH WAS AMENDED BY FRANCE WITH A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT TARIFF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED DEADLINES (AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THEIR PROPOSED DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS) SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED IF THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOT NOTIFIED THE AIRLINES OF THEIR DECISION BY THE PLANNED DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PLANNED TARIFF PROPOSALS. THE UNITED STATES DID NOT INTERVENE,
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BUT VOTED NEGATIVELY ON THIS PROPOSAL AND AGAIN NEGATIVELY ON A PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE LANGUAGE, BUT TO NO AVAIL DESPITE A CLOSE VOTE. FURTHER, THE U.S. PROPOSAL ON THE ORIGINAL PANEL RECOMMENDATION 10 WHICH WOULD HAVE ALTERED THE LANGUAGE TO ACT FOR THE U.S. STATUTORY POSITION WAS NOT CONSIDERED UNTIL AFTER THE FULL PANEL ACTED ON THE FRENCH OPPOSITION AND THE U.S. AFTER CONSIDERABLE AND LENGTHY

DISCUSSION WITHDREW ITS PROPOSAL BUT RETAINED THE RIGHT TO ENTER A RESERVATION ON THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

2. COMMITTEE B CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 2 - POLICY CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL NON-SCHEDULED AIR TRANSPORT. UNDER WEAK CHAIRMAN, MUCH OF DISCUSSION RAMBLING AND INCONCLUSIVE. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL HAD TO INTERVENE SEVERAL TIMES TO GET DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE AGENDA ITEM. COMMITTEE VOTED TO ACCEPT (U.S. ABSTAINING) A STATEMENT OF KEY PROBLEM, THRUST OF WHICH WAS THAT MAJOR DIFFICULTIES BEING EXPERIENCED BY SCHEDULED CARRIERS ARE DUE LARGELY TO GROWTH OF NON-SCHEDULED "PROGRAMMED CHARTER" OPERATIONS GOVERNED BY AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SYSTEM THAN THAT WHICH GOVERNS SCHEDULED OPERATIONS.

3. U.S. AND SPAIN HAD OBJECTED TO USE OF TERM "PROGRAMMED CHARTER" AS UNDEFINED AND NEVER SANCTIONED BY ICAO. U.S. ALSO QUESTIONED NATURE OF DIFFICULTIES AND STRESSED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR TO WHAT EXTENT NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED DIFFICULTIES OF SCHEDULED SERVICES. WE ALSO STRESSED AGAIN IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF COMPETITION BETWEEN SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES.

4. THE COMMITTEE THEN TURNED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND EXAMINED PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY (1) BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA AND (2) SWITZERLAND. U.S. AGAIN OBJECTED TO USE OF TERM "PROGRAMMED CHARTER," EXPLAINED AT LENGTH WHY THE TERM WAS UNDEFINED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDEFINABLE AND LATER SUBMITTED WORKING PAPER ON THIS ISSUE. SPAIN ALSO CONTINUED TO OBJECT TO USE OF THIS TERM AND ECAC STATES AND OTHERS BEGAN TO BACK AWAY FROM ITS USE WITH SWISS AGREEING TO DROP TERM FROM ITS PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS. PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL STATED HE WILL SUBMIT TEXT OF A RESOLUTION WHICH EMBODIED ELEMENTS OF BOTH PAPERS, AMENDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF POINTS RAISED IN DISCUSSION. THIS TEXT WILL BE DISCUSSED APRIL 20.

5. GROUP OF SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUBMITTED WORKING PAPER WHICH IS BASICALLY AN ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE MOST CHARTER OPERATIONS UNDER THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK GOVERNING SCHEDULED OPERATIONS. DISCUSSION OF THIS PAPER AND OTHERS WILL CONTINUE APRIL 20TH.
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